It doesn't work to raise taxes on the rich; the money has to go somewhere. We are far better off letting the rich invest in stocks instead of having government run investments or programs where the money goes to programs that are not at all thought out. Governments want the rich to buy up bonds and securities and will offer you tax exemptions. This makes the numbers look better in an economy and Presidents want this because you are investing in their companies (global warming as an example) which make the President look better. This is dumb because it is a President telling the free market what to do as if he has it figured out. It is also dumb because the securities mean that less money is put into the stock exchange, this is also money that cannot be taxed and is incentivized. Now, the lower class has to make up for the lost tax revenue which means their taxes or inflation goes up. The argument made in Thomas's pamphlet is not if taxes should be raised, but where the money is going because investors will invest and governments always want their wealth somehow someway. If taxes are raised too high, governments know that no one will invest here, so they ask the rich to invest through government programs, it is stupid really. They want people to make the most here but they want their way thinking that their programs or securities will somehow help out the economy when it clearly doesn't. Only the investor knows where to invest because the buyer will tell them where to go. Also, the rich can get the securities if they invest in candidates because the candidates will lower their company's tax, which again is investing in a candidate instead of a free or even fair market which I regard as corruption since it really comes down to bias of which companies should pay what such as Wal-Mart and Goldman Sachs. You will see why the Democrats win here because they promise no more giving tax breaks to oil companies thinking that they are stealing money from the average citizen. They also win because other voters do not want to see taxes invested back into companies, they want to see the money directly in their kids' college education, and I'm not here to argue with that kind of people. Tax cuts are seen as greedy as well yet they do not understand what a budget is, those who cannot budget cannot possibly be allowed to vote (Matt Damon).

It sounds fair when someone says to "keep money out of politics", but we do not know what to tax companies at a certain rate, remember that companies in certain areas make less than others and local governments are always looking for new ways to get companies to operate in their towns. Some retailers make less than others; do we tax those who make more at a higher rate? I wouldn't. These people put an absurd amount of trust in a federal

government to figure out prices of everything through taxation, that's like betting on 21 being your two cards total but you expect it to be 21. That's not to say the far right Capitalists are any better, you can tell which of the two I would rather have. Also, I would reward companies with tax incentives for making more wealth. I also have to prevent citizens from packing up towns, we want people to move away from the cities and create new ones that are cheaper and want people to go there on the weekends verses having them drive to Boston and pay extra. We already have a big enough problem with oil consumption from people driving to work so I do not qualify for that question. I guess you would have to take out the local and state governments to keep money out of politics since they are messing up the system as a whole and ask each citizen where they want to live and how long they will live there. This would also mean exposing politicians who take bribes which would probably result in required jail sentences where we question how local politicians got that new jacket. It would be a mess! Corruption is in every government. Plus you would have to control media airtime of politicians, so no free media in TV at all.

Tax revenues had risen because now the rich paid lower in taxes which allowed them to invest more in their companies. This made the companies more profitable.